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1. FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM TRANSCRIPT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S
AUGUST 27 PRESS CONFERENCE CONTAINS QUESTION AND ANSWER CONCERNING
US/ROC MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY:

QUESTION. (LI TSAI FANG CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY, CHINA):

BEGIN QUOTE. WHAT IS YOUR EVALUATION ABOUT THE STRATEGIC
POSITION OF TAIWAN IN THE PACIFIC AREA, ESPECIALLY (UNITEL-
LIGIBLE) SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND THE ROK.
IS THERE ANY CHANGE ABOUT THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA? END QUOTE.

ANSWER. (SEC DEF):

BEGIN QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES ABIDES BY THE MUTUAL DEFENSE
AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND WILL CONTINUE TO
ABIDE BY THAT AGREEMENT SO LONG AS THAT AGREEMENT APPLIES.
WITH REGARD TO THE STRATEGIC ROLE OF TAIWAN, I THINK THAT
THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE THREAT TO TAIWAN AND THAT IS UNDERSTOOD
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BY ALL PARTIES. END QUOTE.

2. WE HAVE CONFIRMED ACCUACY OF SECRETARY'S ANSWER AS ABOVE
FROM TAPES. QUESTION BY CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTER AS
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